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Cactus District Weekly Update

August 7, 2015

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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I extend this invitation on behalf of Councilmember Tolmachoff of the Cholla District. She invites all Glendale residents to the Cholla District Anti-Discrimination meeting.

Councilmember Tolmachoff is hosting a traditional public meeting to seek feedback from residents regarding the City of Glendale's consideration of an anti-discrimination ordinance.

Councilmember Tolmachoff will be joined by Assistant City Manager Jennifer Campbell and Assistant City Attorney Nancy Mangone. The format for this meeting will be similar to previously held public meetings on a variety of issues, where individuals who wish to speak will be given an opportunity to voice their opinion or ask questions.

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13



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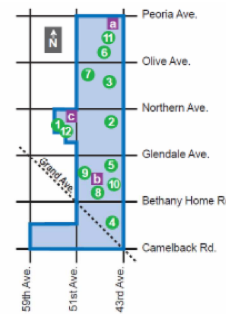
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Cactus District Amenities

Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center

5600 W Union Hills Drive

Glendale, AZ 85308.



Cactus District
Amenities

Glendale Police Awarded \$40,000 Occupant Protection Enforcement Grant From the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. In an effort to save more lives and reduce the number of injuries related to vehicular collisions on Arizona's roadways, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety is partnering with the Glendale Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies to increase the proper use of seat belts and child safety seats.

Although Arizona has a secondary seat belt law, the enforcement campaign is based upon high visibility traffic enforcement with a "zero-tolerance" approach towards seat belt and child safety seat usage. It will also include an educational component to the encounters with violators.

This funding will allow the Glendale Police Department to deploy extra traffic enforcement resources in school zones, as well as the areas surrounding the schools, during the month of August as students around the valley go BACK TO SCHOOL.

Glendale Public Schools open their doors this week! It is important it is to pay attention while driving with regard for the safety of other motorists and pedestrians as well as taking the time to properly secure children before driving them to school. To ensure the safety of the children and parents, the Glendale Police Department will actively enforce traffic laws around school zones, buses and crosswalks.

Despite widespread efforts to educate drivers about effective ways to protect people and reduce fatalities, motor vehicles collisions continue to be the leading cause of death and serious injuries to the citizens of our state. Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Funding was provided from the Governor's of Highway Safety in partnership with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) designed to

Glendale Fire Department Helps Kid School with Supplies. Glendale Firefight their 2015 Back to School Supply Drive income children attending school in Glendale fill 500 backpacks with the essentials needed to be successful from now until August encouraging the public to drop off school supplies at the Glendale Fire Station; in addition they will be at 43rd and Peoria (10404 N 43rd Ave, Glendale) with their antique fire truck collecting school supplies and out stickers to kids coming to the store

Businesses, community groups or individuals who like to help support this event can contact the President of Glendale Fire Charities at glendalefirecharities@yahoo.com or

Registration Now Taking Place For I Classes for the Fall Session. Glendale Recreation offers more than 100 classes for adults and youth in the areas of arts, cooking, fitness, being, music, dance and personal development. Class information can be found in the Cactus District magazine available at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation; the Glendale libraries, Glendale Adult Center and Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center

Golf 101 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Kids on August 8, at the Glen Lakes Municipal Golf Course 5450 W. Northern Ave. Dates and times

increase and sustain the seatbelt usage throughout Arizona.

Seat belts do save lives, so please BUCKLE UP!

Glendale Police Department

Receives Reaccreditation From CALEA. On July 25, 2015 a board from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) awarded reaccreditation to Glendale Chief of Police Debora Black and the Glendale Police Department. This award was presented after formal hearings before the CALEA Commissioners in Colorado Springs, CO.

A team of assessors from CALEA conducted an assessment the week of April 13, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Glendale Police Department. This examination included a review of the department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. During the on-site assessment, both residents and Chiefs of nearby agencies expressed many positive comments about the Glendale Police Department that included the agency's willingness to assist small law enforcement agencies and overall leadership in the metropolitan area. That assessment was the subject of the hearings held before CALEA. The committee was impressed with our community outreach programs and community engagement through programs that include "Coffee with a Cop," the agency website and overall use of social media, to include the recent introduction of the Nextdoor application.

Also discussed during the hearings was the police department's upcoming acceptance of the Freedom Award by the Department of Defense's ESGR program. The award recognizes the commitment to our employees that have or currently do serve in the Armed Forces. Internal leadership development was also recognized, as the department continues to strive to enhance the organization, highlighted by the point that a member of the Command Staff was recently selected to be the interim Chief of Police in Ferguson, Missouri.

The assessment is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of professional excellence in the field of law enforcement. The goal of the assessment is to

and Kids & Teens classes. Call 623-93 visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandR

- **Adults (Ages 18+)**

This course is designed to teach to play in just a few lessons. .

- **Kids & Teens (Ages 9-17)**

This class is a fun, interactive ap junior participation in golf, with P the forefront of the experience.



in compliance with over 480 professional standards, as established by CALEA. The Glendale Police Department was first accredited in the year 2000. The department received reaccreditation in the years 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and again now in 2015. Since this was the agency's fifteenth consecutive year of accreditation, the Department was also given the Meritorious Award distinction. This is an important achievement for the men and women of the Glendale Police Department. Members of the assessment team noted it was obvious, through what they observed during their visit, that the Glendale Police Department was committed to the accreditation process through the leadership of Chief Black. The Glendale Police Department is one of only thirteen accredited agencies in the state of Arizona.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please visit their website at www.calea.org.

High School Students Invited to Apply to Serve on Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission. Mayor Jerry Weiers is seeking new members for his Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC). Several vacancies have been created as a result of former MYAC members graduating from high school this past spring.

MYAC provides high school students with opportunities to make a positive impact in Glendale by getting involved in their local city government and community. Youth commission members volunteer for community service activities, raise funds for projects and serve as a liaison to the mayor as the foremost voice on local youth-related issues.

Commission members must commit approximately five hours per month to attend meetings and participate in activities. Standing commission meetings are held each month at Glendale City Hall.

To be eligible for the competitive selection process, teens must reside in Glendale and be enrolled in high school for the 2015-16 school year, and must submit a completed membership application.

Applications can be downloaded at www.glendaleaz.com/mayor/myac. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, August 21.



Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to: Office of the Mayor, City of Glendale, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301. For more information, call 623-930-2260.

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information.

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project? As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

Glendale Offers Residents Free HOA Training.

The City of Glendale is continuing its partnership with Mulcahy Law Firm to offer another HOA Academy this fall to residents. This unique opportunity provides Glendale residents and HOA leaders an opportunity to learn about relevant issues facing neighborhoods and learn answers from specialists in the field.

This training will be taught by HOA attorneys from the Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C., along with the Glendale Police Crime Prevention Department. The classes are free to Glendale residents and only \$20 for non-residents.

The curriculum for this four week series is derived from top concerns and requests made by Glendale HOA leaders, including:

- How to Handle Rentals in Community Associations and How to Build "Community" in HOAs
- Does your Association have Drones? Nuisance Issues in the Association
- Budgeting for Community Associations - Audits, Compilations, Reviews - Contracts
- Safety, Crime and Vandalism Prevention



The classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. on Tuesdays, from October 13 to November 3, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration for the HOA training is currently open. Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. To register, contact Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2820 or sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation and use code # 474099-03.

Residents Reminded Standing Water Invites

Mosquitos. With three months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to watch for standing water and to protect their homes and families against mosquitos and diseases such as West Nile virus.

Two confirmed cases were reported in Maricopa County on June 21, 2015. In 2014, 108 cases of West Nile virus were reported among Arizona residents. Standing water, even in the shallowest containers, acts as a breeding ground for mosquitos, so follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:

- Reduce the number of mosquitos around your home. Mosquitos breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week after it rains, get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.
- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.
- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.



The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. It also responds to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitos. Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at www.maricopa.gov/wnv/. Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/.

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